

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Petersburg****Project Title:**

Petersburg - Loader Mount Snow Blower

State Funding Requested: \$ 65,000**House District: 2 - A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding for purchase of a snow blower that can be mounted to a front end loader, filling an urgent need for the Petersburg community.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$65,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City of Petersburg has an urgent need for a large capacity snow blower that can be mounted to a front end loader. This unit will be used to remove snow that accumulates next to the guardrail on North Nordic Drive. This road has recently been transferred to the City by the Department of Transportation and is difficult for City crews to move the snow over the top of the guardrail with current equipment. The snow blower will also be used in various other City operations and public transportation in general. Examples include widening of driving lanes after heavy snowfall, opening of higher elevation roads which receive greater amounts of snowfall, clearing of large parking areas in the harbor as well as many other worthwhile uses within the City of Petersburg. Petersburg as a whole will benefit greatly from this unit being available during winter snow removal efforts.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Petersburg

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**CITY OF PETERSBURG
CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST**

Project Name: LOADER MOUNTED SNOW BLOWER
Project Location: Petersburg, Alaska
Legislative Districts: House District 2; Senate District A

Project Description: The City of Petersburg has the need for a large capacity snow blower to be mounted on an existing City front end loader. This tool is needed to address weaknesses in the City's snow removal program that have been discovered since the transfer of the North Nordic Drive right of way from the State to the City. A guardrail along this roadway serves as a barrier to our smaller neighborhood style plow trucks and pushing snow from the driving lanes is very difficult resulting in safety hazards to motorists due to encroaching snow berms that cannot be removed effectively. The record breaking snowfall from two years ago and a heavy winter this year has further revealed the City's weakness in this area of snow removal.

This unit will be used to effectively remove snow that accumulates next to the guardrail on North Nordic Drive. The snow blower will also be used in various other locations within the City to remove snow berms that cause delays or impediments to emergency response equipment, City operations and public transportation in general. Examples include widening of driving lanes after heavy snowfall, opening of higher elevation roads which receive greater amounts of snowfall, clearing of large parking areas in the harbor as well as many other worthwhile uses within the City of Petersburg. Petersburg as a whole will benefit greatly from this unit being available during winter snow removal efforts.

Original cost estimates for this purchase using a State Equipment Fleet purchasing contract resulted in a funding request of \$65,000 in FY 2008. After the request was removed from the State's FY 2008 capital budget, the State purchasing contract for the model being sought has since expired and the cost of this unit has increased to \$95,000 for a blower capable of moving 500-800 tons per hour. The City is proposing to provide the balance of the snow blower purchase contingent on the receipt of capital funds from the State.

Funding Request: FY 2009 Capital Grant \$65,000

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$95,000

Number of Years to Complete Project: less than 1 year. Procurement process will begin July 1, 2008.

Matching Funds Available: FY09 Motor Pool Vehicle Replacement fund \$30,000

Prior State Appropriations: There have been no prior state appropriations for this project.

Are Funds for this Project in the Governor's Proposed Budget? No

Public Review Process & Community Priority: The Petersburg Motor Pool Advisory Committee voted in support of procurement of a loader mounted snow blower during the City of Petersburg's FY 2008 budget process.

Responsible Party for On-Going Maintenance & Operations Costs: City of Petersburg

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